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J. C. HAYWARD: In the meantime, the new Senate committee that is keeping track of the FBI and CIA has started its work.

Jed Duvall has a report.

JED DUVAL: The Senate's Permanent Overseers of the CIA, the new committee named to carry on the work begun by the so-called Church Committee. The first job of these watchdogs was to consider this man, Henry Knoche, as Deputy Director of the CIA. The open session was billing and cooing over what one after another called Knoche's fine background and his candor. "Will the committee be notified of all covert actions?" "I think we can work out an arrangement," said Knoche, falling short of a pledge.

Democrat Robert Morgan raised another CIA-related issue.

SENATOR ROBERT MORGAN: Do you believe that in peacetime there would ever arise an occasion in which it would be proper and expedient for any agency of our government to engage in any kind of assassinations, whether political or otherwise?

HENRY KNOCHE: Senator, the use of your word "ever" is a very big one. I would want to leave some room, I think, for conceiving of some circumstances under -- under which at least the contingency might be discussed.

But I -- it's only the use of the word "ever" that gives me trouble in answering that question.

DUVALL: To a man they liked Knoche, and his confirmation

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by the full Senate is a virtual certainty.

Jed Duvall, CBS News, Washington.

Schweiker Charges a CIA, FBI Coverup in JFK Killing

By JOSEPH VOLZ

Washington, June 23 (News Bureau) — Sen. Richard Schweiker (R-Pa.), who conducted a Senate Intelligence Committee investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy, charged today that former Central Intelligence Agency Director Richard Helms and FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover, "covered up relevant facts" during the 1964 Warren Commission probe.

But Schweiker said that the study turned up nothing to contradict the commission's conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone assassin of Kennedy.

Schweiker complained that Helms never told the Warren Commission about CIA plots to kill Cuban Premier Fidel Castro prior to Kennedy's murder on Nov. 22, 1963.

"Helms said that nobody asked him," Schweiker said. "He was asked (by the Warren Commission) to tell nothing but the truth. He didn't fulfill that commitment."

Schweiker released a 105-page

Panel Okays A CIA Deputy

Washington, June 23 (News Bureau) — The nomination of E. Henry Knoche, 51, for the post of deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency was approved today by the newly formed Senate Intelligence Activities Committee after a brief hearing. The nomination now must be approved by the full senate.

Knoche, a veteran of 23 years with the CIA, will head day-to-day operations of the agency as top assistant to CIA Director George Bush. He told the Senate panel that he could conceive of no circumstances in which he could recommend that an agency of the U.S. government engage in a political assassination in peacetime. But he said that the government does need the capability of carrying out covert activities "to lessen the prospects of hostilities or other problems abroad."

report on the assassination

today. He said that the FBI knew as early as May 1962 about CIA assassination plots against Castro but did not turn the information over to the Warren Commission.

The report, compiled by five committee staffers, said that there was "no longer any reason to have faith in (the Warren Commission) picture of the Kennedy assassination."

Schweiker asked the newly formed Senate Intelligence Activities Committee, headed by Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii), to begin another investigation. The temporary select committee, which investigated the CIA had gone out of business. Its chairman, Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho), agreed that the FBI and CIA failed to turn over "all of the relevant information," but said the Schweiker investigation was too incomplete to determine if another investigation was warranted.

The Schweiker report reserves most of its criticism for the FBI and reveals for the first time that an angry Hoover secretly disciplined 17 FBI agents and supervisors, including an assistant director, a week after the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

Hoover contended that Oswald, once a defector to Russia, should have been placed on the FBI's security index for close observation; his Russian-born wife, Marina, should have been interviewed before the assassination; and the somewhat casual FBI interest in Oswald should have been intensified after Oswald had contacted the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City.

Hoover ordered that the 17 FBI employees, including three special agents-in-charge and two headquarters section chiefs, be

censured or placed on probation. None of the 17 disciplined officials had acted to place Oswald on the security index.

But Hoover wrote in a blistering memo: "Certainly no one in full possession of his faculties can claim Oswald didn't fall within these criteria" (for placement on the index).

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By Frank Johnston—The Washington Post

SMILE OF APPROVAL—E. Henry Knoche grins during a hearing of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence to confirm him as deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, where he will head day-to-day operations as first assistant to Director George Bush. It was the first open hearing of the new committee, formed May 19 to oversee U.S. intelligence. Knoche is a 23-year veteran in CIA intelligence analysis roles.